

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicant to the Examiner's comments and rejection of various of the claims, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicant gratefully notes the Examiner's indication that at least Claims 5-11 and 13-20 are considered to be allowed.

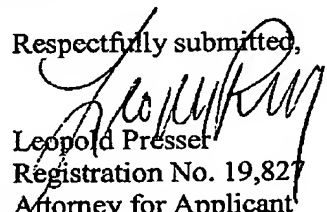
However, applicant also notes the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-4, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being incomplete by omitting essential steps.

Accordingly, in order to advance the prosecution of the present application and in order to place the application into substantial order for allowance, applicant has cancelled Claims 1-4, without prejudice or disclaimer, hereby limiting the claims on file to those already allowed by the Examiner.

Accordingly, applicant notes that the application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and requests the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance by the Examiner, while reserving the right to file a further application in due course directed to the cancelled claims.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, which is deemed to place the application into order for allowance, the applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,


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